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Parade Boots

Over the past few months, a number of cadets have asked where they can buy boots which are suitable for parade drill purpose.

The Sea Cadet Corps do not supply boots as part of issue kit. Sometimes, the unit has some suitable boots available although such availability is gradually diminishing.

There are two types of boot which are used for parade drill purpose. Both have a stitched toe cap and heel cover, which should be "bulled" or high polished. Royal Marines do not "bull" the remainder of the boot.

DMS Boot

This is a boot with black grain leather uppers and a vulcanised rubber or Nitrile PVC sole. DMS stands for "Direct Moulded Sole". They are not high leg type and typically have 6 eyelets for the laces.



Guide price costs for these boots range from £ 15 to £ 25.

Ebay can be a good source of kit but take care that the costs do not exceed the guide price. P&P can usually be higher than shops.

Search on Google.co.uk for "cadet DMS boot" can reveal some good prices.

The best price to date is £ 16.99 + P&P for sizes 5 & 6 and £ 19.99 for sizes 7+. www.cadetuk.com

Other outlets include; www.cadetdirect.com
www.meanandgreen.com

The site at www.britishmilitarysurplus.co.uk offers excellent value for money. This company sells off genuine British surplus kit at a good price. Check

the quality of the kit ordered as in theory it is "grade 2" (some kit we have ordered has been new!)

AMMO Boots

This type of boot is harder to find and sometimes a little more expensive but is the better parade & drill boot. The tops are similar to the DMS boot but the soles are leather. The soles are fitted with metal toe tip plates and heel plates. Sometimes they have "studs" in the soles although strictly speaking Royal Marines do not have studded boots.

Guide prices range from £ 20 to £ 40.

Again Ebay can be quite good although there is a lot of rubbish out there! If trying Google, try searches on: ammo boots, parade boots, drill boots, ...

I purchased a pair of brand new RM drill boots for £ 38.00 from www.tripal.com



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